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SUBJ: SINGAPORE SHIPS 30,000 M-16 RIFLES TO THAILAND

REF: SINGAPORE 3522

1. WE HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY A RELIABLE SOURCE THAT THE M-16 RIFLES IN REFTTEL ARRIVED IN THAILAND AUGUST 3, 1975 ABOARD THAI LST, ANGTHONG. IT IS RUMORED THAT ANGTHONG IS ABOUT TO RETURN TO SINGAPORE FOR A POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL 30,000 M-16 RIFLES.
2. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, GENERAL KRIANGSAK'S ALLOCATION OF THE ORIGINAL 30,000 HAS BEEN 14,000 TO RTA, 10,000 TO RTAF, AND 6,000 TO RTN. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CONFIRM THIS INFORMATION.
3. APPARENTLY KRIANGSAK'S MAIN INTEREST IS TO OBTAIN M-16 RIFLES REGARDLESS OF THE SOURCE OR THE MODELS, I.E., M-16 VS. M-16 A-1. COLT DOES, IN FACT, KNOW ABOUT 30,000 RIFLES BEING IN THAILAND. THEY WERE ALERTED AUGUST 2 BY THEIR BANGKOK AGENT AND HOME OFFICE WAS INFORMED SOMETIME WEEK OF AUGUST 4. HOWEVER, COLT HAS REFRAINED FROM MAKING AN ISSUE HOPING TO CONSUMMATE THEIR DEAL OF 30,000 M-16'S WITH RTG.

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